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BOOK REVIEWS.

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American and English Annotated Cases, containing the Important Cases Selected from the Current American, Canadian, and English Reports. Thoroughly Annotated. Editors, William M. McKinney and H. Noyes Greene. Volume XXXVIII Ann. Cas. 1915D. Edward Thompson Company, Northport, L. I., N. Y. Bancroft-Whitney Company, San Francisco. 1915. Price \$5.00.

Volume XXXVIII is in no way behind its predecessors. We have examined with much interest the note on page 434, "When Equitable Conversion Takes Place under Will Directing Sale of Land at Future Time." Also "What Amounts to Coercion of Jury by Court into Agreeing on a Verdict." The note on page 865, "Admissibility of Parole Evidence to Vary or Explain Covenant in Deed against Encumbrances," is also of interest. The note on page 942 as to "Effect of Ordinance of 1787 on States Carved out of Northwest Territory," is of historical and legal value and quite full. The note on "Contempt Procedure in Federal Court," is also one which we think will be of interest to the profession generally. The note on page 1261 on "Construction of Constitutional or Statutory Provision Giving Power to Determine Law and Facts in Action for Libel or Slander" is quite full and of much novelty.

We seldom examine one of these volumes as they come out without being struck with the wisdom shown in the selection of cases and in the admirable way in which they are annotated.

Wm. Branch Giles: A Study in the Politics of Virginia and the Nation from 1790 to 1830, by Dice Robin Anderson, B. A., M. A., Ph. D., Professor and Head of the Department of History and Political Science. Richmond College, Richmond, Va. The Collegiate Press: Geo. Banta, Publishing Co.: Menasha, Wis.: 1914. Price \$1.50.

No state ever had a nobler history than Virginia: No state ever neglected its history more. It is therefore a source of profound pleasure to lovers of the Commonwealth to find that at last earnest men are beginning to work out of the mass of material, gems of ore which will in the end make a diadem for the brow of the old mother. This life of Governor Giles is a valuable contribution to Virginia history. It not only rescues from what bade fair to be oblivion the memory of a great man; but is an interesting and well written description of the political history of the state during the period named. Giles was a figure which loomed large in his time. Congressman, Senator, Governor he was a prominent man in the councils of the Nation, fearless, eloquent, a states rights man of